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The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici
Ranking Member
Committee on Science, Space & Technology
Subcommittee on Environment
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Bonamici:

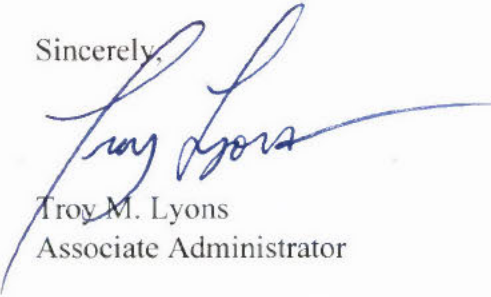
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Sincerely,


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The Honorable Donald S. Beyer Jr.
Ranking Member
Committee on Science, Space & Technology
Subcommittee on Oversight
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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